



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 11, 2005

Lowry

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Chuck Lowry, Councilmembers Betty Heckendorn, John Rose, Tom Robinson, Aaron Sharp, and Judee Wells.

**EXCUSED:** None.

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Water Superintendent Bob Durr.

**GUESTS:** Gerri Armbruster, WABA, Carl Stixrood and Vivian Shin, Huitt-Zollars..

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Heckendorn moved to approve the September 13, 2005 minutes as written. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**LETTER FROM STEVEN HAUCK REGARDING STORM RUNOFF FROM SE 29<sup>TH</sup> ST:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she had received a letter from Town resident Steven Hauck expressing concern about the volume of stormwater runoff from SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street onto his property during a recent downpour. Councilmember Sharp commented that he has already spoken with Mr. Hauck as a result of this letter and informed Mr. Hauck that the primary reason he has a problem with excessive runoff is due to his driveway design. Councilmember Sharp added that he will look at the berm that Malcolm Hickey installed a few years back to see if it should be altered somewhat and has encouraged Mr. Hauck to investigate ways to mitigate the runoff from his driveway.

**LETTER FROM DAVID DEMPSTER TO BELLEVUE FIRE DEPT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens directed the Council's attention to a letter written by Town resident David Dempster thanking the Bellevue Fire Department for assisting him with some a flooding problem during the recent downpour.

**LETTER TO RESIDENTS ALONG 106<sup>TH</sup> PL SE:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that she and Deputy Clerk Donworth have received numerous complaints about the parking situation along 106<sup>th</sup> Pl SE, which is caused primarily by the number of contractor vehicles that are parking along that street during the day. She commented that she has mailed a letter to residents along that street explaining that attempts to resolve the situation through our building inspector have been less than successful so King County Sheriff's officers have been asked to check the street during the regular patrols and ticket any vehicles that are parked illegally.

**LETTER TO CHS ENGINEERS TERMINATING SERVICES:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she sent a letter to Larry McAndrews asking that CHS Engineers continue to help the Town with building-related activities until the end of October while the new firm, Huitt-Zollars, gets up to speed.

**STORM SEWER AS-BUILTS:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens commented that Bill Beck plans to complete these as-builts by the end of October. Councilmember Sharp reported that the work is completed.

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Rose moved to approve the October 11, 2005 warrant list, including warrant numbers 6824 through 6847 in the amount of \$15,264.81. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Superintendent Durr asked if anyone on the Council notices when the Town has switched to Bellevue water noting that we've been on Bellevue water for the last week due to an electrical problem in the pump works.

**WABA REPORT:** WABA representative Gerri Armbruster reported that WABA held two meetings for the entire membership to review a settlement agreement regarding the Solaro issue and that the agreement was approved by a majority of the membership. She added that there are a few details to wrap up but nothing significant. Councilmember Rose asked if there would be any special-assessment refunds issued. Ms. Armbruster answered that the legal fees associated with achieving this agreement have used up the bulk of the assessment collected, so she does not anticipate any refunds at this time.

Ms. Armbruster also reported that WABA Trustee Julia Morse is working on a Master Plan for the landscaping at the beach. She commented that WABA President is concerned that the Town Clean-up, scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>, is too early in the fall. Councilmember Wells commented that the date was picked by the Clean-Up committee based on when they thought they could get the greatest participation among Villagers.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Councilmember Robinson reported that most of the discussion about this topic will take place during a later part of the meeting. He thanked Councilmember Sharp for working out rough costs for a generator suitable to operate the water pump. Water Superintendent Durr asked if we really want to invest in a generator, since our most likely emergency scenario would be an earthquake, which would probably damage the water distribution lines severely enough to disable the water system. Mr. Durr suggested that it would be far more cost effective and reliable for homeowners to purchase inexpensive methods of water purification to use with water from Lake Washington.

Councilmember Robinson stated that he is excited to be having this discussion and that he doesn't expect the group to make decisions tonight. He explained that this exercise is not about planning for evacuation but instead about staying safely in place until help arrives and that his mid-range plan is for the Council to determine just what the Town will provide

toward that goal. He added that after these decisions are made, the Town can begin to educate residents about what they should plan to provide for themselves and support them in achieving that preparation.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 224 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR BUILDING SERVICES WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens summarized her memo outlining the selection process leading to Huitt-Zollars and introduced Carl Stixrood and Vivian Shin of that firm. She added that Town Attorney Stewart is meeting tomorrow with Chuck Price of Huitt-Zollars to finalize details about the contract.

After hearing a brief presentation from Mr. Stixrood, Councilmember Wells asked what the lead time for scheduling inspections would probably be. Mr. Stixrood answered that it should usually be 24 to 48 hours. He added that Huitt-Zollars staff will have a better handle on all aspects of administration after becoming more familiar with the Town.

MOTION: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to adopt Resolution No. 225 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Huitt-Zollars for on-call planning, development, building, and engineering services pending final approval of the Town Attorney. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 225 AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RENTON FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES IN THE RENTON CITY JAIL:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the City of Renton notified the Town of its intent to terminate, as of October 1, 2005, the previous interlocal agreement we had with Renton for these services, which are provided in connection with the Interlocal Agreements with Yakima County Corrections, and replace it with this agreement. She explained that the new agreement allows outside agencies to use the Renton facility for general bookings (instead of just as a holding facility), clarifies Renton's role when holding outside-agency inmates, and establishes a fixed daily rate of \$70.

MOTION: Councilmember Rose moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Renton for the housing of inmates in the Renton City Jail. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 226 AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SEATTLE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS:** Clerk-Treasurer explained that Town is eligible for \$3,341 in Federal transportation funds via the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PRSC) distribution of VKING2 funding. She added that our small size and limited-access network of streets make it unlikely that we would have a project that qualifies for the use of this funding and that the City of Seattle, in a gesture of regional cooperation, has offered to exchange our Federal funds to money from their local transportation fund so that both entities can make use of the available money.

MOTION: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to adopt Resolution No. 226 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Seattle relating to the Exchange of Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for Local Transportation Funds. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLANS:**

Councilmember Robinson opened the discussion by relating that the City of Bellevue has already done a lot of work getting their neighborhoods organized using a program they call SPAN, Strengthening Preparedness Among Neighbors, and has shared information with Beaux Arts that will make it simpler for us to get started. He explained that Bellevue has divided neighborhoods up into groups of 20 to 50 neighbors and then provides the needed information and support to help those neighbors develop plans for personal and mutual preparedness. He commented that our small size would make it easy for use to create similarly sized groups and training and distributed a proposed schedule for getting started during the Fall and Winter 2005.

Councilmember Robinson noted that recent hurricane disasters illuminated how critical communication is, particularly in an extended emergency. He suggested that the Town invest in a HAM radio system, with a base station and several hand-held units, and work to train citizen volunteers in their use. He added that the radios would not only provide needed communication among people within Beaux Arts but also with other jurisdictions and emergency-response agencies.

After some discussion about how SPAN could be adapted to the Village, Councilmember Robinson stated his desire to form a group of residents to assist in planning, training, etc. noting that he is available to chair the group.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PRELIMINARY 2006 BUDGET:** Mayor Lowry opened the public hearing at 8:45pm. Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that she had prepared this preliminary budget using the guidelines articulated by Councilmember Rose for the last several budgets, particularly to balance revenues and expenditures in the General Fund. Councilmembers suggested several line-items changes that will be reflected in the Proposed Budget presented at the second public hearing during the November Council meeting.

Mayor Lowry asked for any comments from the public. As there were none, he closed the public hearing at 9:15pm.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**COTTAGE HOUSING COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Rose reported that the Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to present the concept of cottage housing to Villagers and solicit their reactions to the ideas presented. He noted that the focus of the meeting will not be to gain support strictly for cottage housing but to ask the question: "Should the Town take steps to encourage smaller housing?" Mayor Lowry suggested that there may be economic reasons to support this type of construction that might encourage builders or attract their interest.

**STORM DRAIN SYSTEM AS-BUILTS:** Councilmember Sharp reported that Bill Beck has completed his as-built drawings of the Town's existing storm drain system.

**TREE ISSUES:** Councilmember Sharp reported that he received a letter from the Harpsters about a maple tree bordering their property that dropped a large limb on their car and frightened the family, who were standing very nearby when the limb dropped, noting that they have asked that the tree be removed. He added that our arborist has examined the tree and finds that it is healthy but needs to be limbed. He and the Council then discussed how best to handle the situation. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the tree be limbed and put on a one-year watch with annual arborist reviews. Councilmember Sharp stated that he will meet with the Harpsters to explain the Town's position and rationale.

Councilmember Sharp also noted that Heiser Homes is disputing the health of one of the trees that they asked to be removed. He will ask our arborist to take new core samples and report his findings to the Town.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council the November meeting is scheduled for November 8th at Judee Wells' house.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Rose moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.  
Councilmember Heckendorn seconded.  
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer